

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/086,656 Filed: February 28, 2002 Inventor(s):

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Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD

FOR CHARACTERIZING LOGICAL STORAGE

DEVICES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF **DECEMBER 22, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 22, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.